

# PINNED MOTORIST SCREAMS 'KILL ME'

## Driver Trapped Nearly an Hour

The driver of an auto who screamed to police to kill him while he lay pinned, his legs crushed, in his wrecked auto here last week is reported in serious but not critical condition at Harbor General Hospital.

"Shoot me! For God's sake, kill me! I can't stand the pain," the 32-year-old aircraft worker, Ory Sylvester Gaul Jr., cried to police during the hour he was trapped in his demolished car.

The victim, who lives at 4737 Towers St., was imprisoned in his car after it slammed broadside into a power pole at 47th St. and Hawthorne Ave. Thursday night. The auto was wrapped around the pole, its engine thrown clear of the wreckage by the terrific impact.

Torrance and Redondo police and Redondo firemen and salvage crews used cables attached to two wrecking trucks to pull the auto away from the pole.

While waiting for the car to be broken loose from the pole, Torrance Police Lt. Swayne Johnson climbed into the wreckage to make the trapped driver as comfortable as possible. Gaul had been given sedatives by a

physician rushed to the scene by Redondo police. Lieutenant Johnson said the lower part of Gaul's body was crushed between the top and seat of the auto. He received multiple fractures of both legs in the crash, attendants at Harbor General Hospital reported Saturday.

Investigating officers said Gaul's car apparently went into a slide while traveling south on Hawthorne at a high rate of speed. It was not raining at the time.

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# Downtown Parking Area Petitions in Circulation

## New Lots Planned For Area

Petitions which would call for the creation of a new parking assessment district for downtown Torrance are ready for circulation among the 150 property owners of the area. It has been announced by Dean Sears, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce parking committee.

Signing of the petition by a majority of the property owners will authorize a bond issue for \$250,000 with which to buy and improve lots in the downtown area for off-street parking.

Designated for purchase are 15 lots in the area with a total square footage of 12,000, according to Sears. The lots would provide convenient customer parking for an additional 400 cars in the area.

Starting the petitions off with a bang Friday were Sam Levy and George Binder, two of the major property owners of the proposed district. The two men have spearheaded the formation of the district and were the first to put their signatures to the documents which will lead to the formation of the district.

Under the terms of the proposal, the property owners hold themselves responsible for the retirement of the \$250,000 bond issue. However, parking meter funds will be used to make payments. It has been estimated that 60 per cent of the present meter returns would make the bond payments.

A Major Step Forward in providing parking in the downtown area, but it is still just a drop in the bucket, Binder said after signing the petition.

Both Binder and Levy expressed the hope that additional methods of financing off-street parking facilities could be found. They have suggested use of a portion of the sales tax money, much of it collected in the downtown area, for purchase and improvement of lots, saying that such expenditures could increase the city's sales tax revenue.



PARKING PETITIONS SIGNED... First signatures to the off-street parking assessment district being formed here were signed here Friday afternoon by two of the city's leading downtown property owners, Sam Levy, left, and George Binder. Looking on is Dean Sears, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce parking committee. The petitions are being circulated among the estimated 150 property owners in the downtown area.

# Meeting on Juvenile Delinquency Set Tonight

An old-fashioned town meeting at which everybody will be invited to stand up and express his views on the problems of juvenile delinquency was scheduled for 7:30 tonight in the Torrance Civic Auditorium.

Called at the request of Mayor Albert Isen, who formed a committee here last year to

compile a report for Governor Goodwin J. Knight, the meeting will climax the studies of this group and furnish material for the final report to Sacramento.

Rev. Nathan Bond, of the First Baptist Church, and Police Sgt. D. C. Cook, head of the city's juvenile bureau, headed the committee and will preside at tonight's town meeting.

Up for discussion tonight will be the specific juvenile problems facing residents and officials of this area and the recommended steps to resolve some of the problems.

Everyone is to be given a chance to "sound off" at the meeting, according to the committee leaders. The floor will be open for discussion by adults and teenagers alike in an effort to secure some answers to the growing delinquency problems of California. The report resulting from tonight's meeting will be added to reports being prepared by hundreds of other California communities and a comprehensive report drawn up from the findings of the various cities throughout the state.

# New Play Equipment for Alondra Park Authorized

At the request of Supervisor Hahn, the board of county supervisors last week authorized

the purchase of additional playground equipment for Alondra Park, which will be installed in approximately 60 days to the delight of youngsters using the park.

# Civitan Club Receives Top Drive Honor

Torrance Civitan Club received an award of honor from the California-Arizona district of Civitan International Thursday night at the Palms as a result of its success in the recent "operation build-up" membership campaign of the International. The award, a club banner, was presented by Lieut. Governor John Blainey, of San Pedro, to Club President Frank E. Selover and First Vice President Tom Ward, chairman of the successful committee which added six new members to the Torrance club.

Witnessing the award and participating in the Thursday night meeting was City Manager George Stevens, who complimented the club for its growth during a talk on the expansion of Torrance and progress of the city manager form or government here. City Manager Stevens was introduced by Councilman Nicholas O. Dralle, a member of the Civitan Club.

Also participating in the meeting was Past District Governor A. J. Moo, also of San Pedro, and the wives of the members and honored guests.

A maze climber and two tether ball poles will be placed in the play area at the northern end of the park.

Most of the new equipment will be installed at the south end of the park where it will be convenient to most of the children using the pool in the spring and summer. This equipment will include one four-wheel swing set, with bucket-type seats, a tot's maze and a tot's merry-go-round, a larger maze and a merry-go-round, two slides and one traveling ring unit.

Supervisor Hahn asked that the new play equipment be obtained after he made a personal inspection of Alondra Park and determined that the additional equipment was needed there because of the large number of children who play in Alondra Park and the large area served by the park.

Alondra is a county regional park and serves Lawndale, El Nido, Hawthorne, Lennox, Inglewood, Gardena, Redondo Beach, north Torrance, Hollywood, and south Los Angeles.

C. Millapp Retires... Charles Millapp, assistant to the Navy's chief inspector at Douglas Aircraft, El Segundo, has retired from his civil service position.

# Chamber Dinner To Honor Year's First Citizen

The "Outstanding Citizen of 1955" for Torrance will be named tomorrow evening when the Laughon-Whyte trophy is presented at a Chamber of Commerce dinner. Seven community leaders have been nominated for the title.

The trophy, made available by the widows of Dr. William C. Laughon and Grover C. Whyte, is presented annually. Former winners were Paul Loranger, past chamber president, and Marvin M. Schwab, mayor in 1953.

New officers and directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce will be introduced at the banquet by President John Ed-

Henry Keating, vice president of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, will be principal speaker, and Dr. Gerald M. Eastham will be master of ceremonies.

Several tables are still open for tomorrow's annual Chamber dinner. Reservations will be accepted until 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Chamber of Commerce office. Many civic and service organizations are attending as a group, Watson said.

# YMCA Nears \$17,000 Goal

Total funds raised in the YMCA's current support campaign last week came within \$1425 of the \$17,000 goal, according to Sam Levy, general chairman.

Contribution totals by divisions are as follows: Industrial, \$2210; Professional, \$2422; Commercial, \$2958; Field, \$1000.

Chairmen of the four divisions are: Industrial, C. C. Morgan; Professional, Dr. John Beaman; Commercial, E. D. Raphael; Field, Ella Schwartz.

A Victory Dinner is scheduled for Wednesday evening at 8:30 at the YMCA. Chairman Levy said the volunteer organization was certain of reaching the goal by that time.

# Safety Record Set

Southern Pacific achieved its best employe safety record in history during 1955 and the railroad's Los Angeles freight station achieved a perfect no-accident record for the fourth straight year, it was announced last week.

# FRontier Phones to Get Automatic Ticketing Soon

Installation of the first complement of automatic ticketing equipment, manufactured by the Automatic Electric Co. of Chicago, will begin in April in General Telephone Co.'s Redondo Beach central office, according to H. C. Vaupel, manager of the Frontier exchange area.

The installation of ticketing and switching equipment for 1956 will represent an investment of more than \$900,000 and will provide customers in Redondo Beach with direct dialing access to an additional two million telephones in the Los Angeles metropolitan area by October, 1957.

# Executive At NATO Conference

R. P. Davis, North American Aviation executive, will be the only United States representative speaking before the Advisory Group for Aeronautical Research and Development at the NATO conference in Rome this week.

Davis is internationally known for his wind tunnel model work and will address the group on design construction and testing of wind tunnel models.

# Baby Victim Dies Suddenly

A 24-month-old baby, Cheryl Ann Breckner, of 708 Columbia Ct., died suddenly early Thursday morning here, according to police reports.

Police, a fire department rescuer and ambulance attendants answered a frantic call at about 7 a.m. Thursday from the baby's mother, Lois Breckner. She told authorities she had found the baby under a blanket in her bed.

The victim was taken to Harbor General Hospital but was pronounced dead on arrival.

# San Bernardino Suspect Caught

Raymond Romberg, 32, of 2011 Anza Ave., was arrested here Wednesday on a San Bernardino warrant charging him with kidnapping, assault with a deadly weapon and attempted rape. Detective Captain Ernie Ashton said Friday.

Ashton said Romberg was returned to San Bernardino for prosecution. The captain said Romberg is alleged to have kidnaped a woman from a Fugate St. He then apparently drove her to San Bernardino where he was unsuccessful in an attempt to attack the woman, Ashton said. He added that San Bernardino authorities have stated that the suspect also eluded his victim several times with a broken bottle.

Romberg has served time in San Quentin and Folsom prisons for grand theft.

# Longren Gets Boeing Orders

Under terms of a new agreement with Boeing Aircraft Co., Longren Aircraft will supply a major structure for the new USAF jet tanker, KC-135, and the new jet transport, Model 707, it was announced here this week, by C. E. Wentworth, vice president of the local firm. Longren has been a structural parts supplier to Boeing for many years.

The assignment of producing structural assemblies for the Seattle company is the result of the past years of successful production of airframe parts and the new expansion facilities being built by Longren at Torrance Airport, Longren officials said.

Longren will specialize in assembly structures with the Carson St. plant of 43,000 square feet devoted to fabrication and the airport plant of 60,000 square feet devoted to parts processing and assembly work.

The initial order signed by Boeing calls for 2384 wing spars for the new airplane with a contract total of more than \$300,000. Additional orders are scheduled to follow as commercial and military orders for the large jet plane develop.

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# Inlet Voted For Alondra

County supervisors last week adopted plans and specifications for installation of new inlet water piping for the Alondra Park swimming pool at the request of Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

Bids for this project will be opened on March 21 and the work will be completed by the time the pool is scheduled to be opened for the next swimming season.

In requesting this improvement, Supervisor Hahn pointed out that the Alondra pool is the most popular in the entire county and provides wholesome recreation to children from a large area, including Lawndale, Hawthorne, El Nido, south Los Angeles, Inglewood, Torrance, and Redondo Beach.

The work will greatly improve water circulation and chlorination of the pool.



CIVITAN AWARD... John Blainey, lieutenant governor for Civitan International, California-Arizona district, Thursday night presented a banner to the Civitan Club of Torrance for its success in a recent membership drive. Receiving the award are, left to right, Tom Ward, first vice president, and Frank E. Selover, president, as City Manager George Stevens, seated, and Councilman Nicholas O. Dralle look on.



WAITING FOR HELP... Driver Ory Sylvester Gaul Jr., whose auto was wrapped around a power pole here last week and waits for rescuers to free him from the wreckage. A steel rod in the window behind the driver proclaims: "Give the Right of Way and Live Another Day." Gaul was trapped for nearly an hour before he was freed. Both his legs were crushed in the crash at 47th St. and Hawthorne Ave.